eligibility list and depending upon the availability of vacancies at the respective Doordarshan Kendras. The regularisation is in accordance with the provisions of the regularisation schemes framed on the directions of the Hon'ble CAT, Principal Bench, New Delhi. No time frame can be laid for the regularisation of the casual Floor Assistants working in New Delhi.

(d) Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi *vide* their order dated 21.11.2000 have directed the Government to review the situation to increase the number of vacancies for regularisation of casual Floor Assistants.

Setting up of TV Tower in district Shimla

†413. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the local residents of tehsil Chirgaon in Shimla district and several Members of Parliament have made a recommendation for opening of a TV tower there;

(b) if so, the details of action taken by her ministry in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up a TV tower there by the financial year 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Public demands are taken into consideration by Prasar Bharati while formulating plans for setting up TV transmitters in different parts of the country. Prasar Bharati does not have any approved scheme at present to set up a TV transmitter in Chirgaon tehsil of Shimla district. Expansion of TV coverage of different parts of the country including Chirgaon, would depend on future availability of resources and *inter-se* priorities.

Problems of cable TV viewers

414. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "consumer caught in the crossfire of channel wars' appeared in the Times of India (New Delhi), dated the 7th February, 2001;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, whether Government propose to set up a regularly body to monitor the functioning of the Cable TV industry in order to address the problems of gullible consumers *i.e.* the cable TV viewers; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not setting up such a regulatory body on the lines of TRAI?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) A large number of Content Providers (Satellite Channels) and Cable operators are operating in India. The monthly rates of subscription charged by Cable operators from the individual consumer depends on factors such as location, number of channels provided, number of Cable TV operators in the particular area etc. As reported recently in the newspapers, the Monopoly and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission had issued notices to television networks for over-charging subscribers of pay channels. Cable operators are also regulated by provisions of Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995.

Settlement of Dues with Prasar Bharati

415. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the details of the arrangements reached with different celebrities like Shri Amitabh Bachchan to settle their dues with Prasar Bharati, indicating the interest and other dues written-off or otherwise settled?

(THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Admission of SC/ST Students in Indian Institute of Mass Communication

416. VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. Ambedkar Birth Centenary Celebrations Committee headed by Prime Minister recommended for ensuring admission of students from SC/ST community to the fullest extent of the quota of seats reserved for this community in all the educational/academic institutions in the year 1993;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;